

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK/VOTING MEETING
Via Zoom
October 8, 2020

Mr. Morrison called the Session to order at 7:10PM via the Zoom platform. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Cline	Mr. Heckathorn
Mr. Battaglia	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Yonkee	Mrs. Ziegler

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent Amanda Jewell - Solicitor
Nate DiBenedetto – Business Services

Not in attendance: Mrs. Helsing

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve August and September Minutes.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia

8 Yes, 0 no; Motion Carried

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to approve items 3.1 through 3.3

3.1 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for September.

3.2 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills.

a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$661,605.15

b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$2,651.50

c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$41,167.59

Payroll: \$1,201,451.06

3.3 Approval is recommended for a joint bond of \$790,000 in total coverage for the tax collector in Darlington Township at an estimated District cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the 2020-2021 year with a renewal period that matches the term of the elected collector.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

8 yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Makoczy made a motion, Mr. Heckathorn seconded to approve items 4.1 through 4.4

4.1 Approval is recommended for ProSoft Employee #61 to use FMLA beginning on or about October 19, 2020 for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.

4.2 Approval is recommended to honor the request of ProSoft Employee #1274 for an unpaid leave of absence beginning October 1, 2020, for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.

4.3 Approval is recommended to accept the resignation of Deb Carr, Nurse Paraprofessional, and place her on the substitute list effective September 30, 2020.

4.4 Approval is recommended to employ Jennifer Nicely as Nurse Paraprofessional beginning October 12, 2020 at a rate of \$17.18 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs pending clearances and certification.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn

8 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to approve item 5.1

5.1 Approval is recommended to amend the 20-21 Academic Calendar by changing the Act 80 day scheduled for October 12th, to October 14th.

Roll Call Vote yes; Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn

8 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Heckathorn seconded to approve items 9.1 and 9.2

9.1 Approval is recommended for the updated McCarter's bus and van driver list.

9.2 Approval is recommended for the 20-21 transportation schedule from McCarters.

Roll Call Vote yes; Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones

8 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Sally Mahon asked questions regarding the Online Academy.

Dr. Postupac commended Jim Cox and Jeff Shaffer for organizing and formatting all One to One Technology with limited resources. He also recognized Barb Brown and her efforts as Tech Help. He commended the cafeteria staff, Cherie Fleischman, custodial staff and Darrin Fleischman for the extra attention to cleaning during Covid.

Dr. Postupac acknowledged the Basketball Society for their donation of camera's for the BIS Basketball Court, and thanked Brad Jones for live streaming Blackhawk Sporting Events.

Barb Brown recognized the IT Staff, Administration, Teachers and Parents for working together with technology.

Mr. Morrison asked about career education for non-college bound students, Mrs. LeDonne answered she is working on virtual tours through Teacher in the Workplace Grant.

Mrs. Ziegler thanked everyone for a successful beginning of a difficult school year.

Mr. Jones commended the district and the community for making Blackhawk Someplace Special.

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Ziegler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM

Verbal Vote 8 Yes, 0 No, Motion Carried